Clause 1 put and carried.

1. (1) This Regulation may be called "The Cochin Usurious Loans Regulation, of 11 ."

Short title, extent and commencement.

(2) It extends to the whole of Cochin.

(3) It shall come into force on a day to be notified in the Cochin Government Gazette by the Government.

(4) The Government may, by notification in the Government Gazette, direct that it shall not apply to any area, class of persons, or class of transactions, which it may specify in its notification.

Title and preamble put and carried.

THE COCHIN USURIOUS LOANS BILL.

Whereas it is expedient to give additional powers to Courts to deal in certain cases with usurious loans of money or in kind,

Preamble.

it is hereby enacted as follows.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I beg to move that the Bill may be taken up and finally passed tomorrow.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—I second it.

Motion put and carried.

The Cochin Press and Registration of Books Regulation Amendment Bill.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—Sir, I rise to present the Select Committee Report on the Cochin Press and Registration of Books Regulation Amendment Bill. The Bill itself as it originally stood was quite a short one and even as reported upon by the Select Committee is fairly short. But two clauses were added on to the Bill by the Select Committee the first reads thus:

> "Provided that the Magistrate before whom a prosecution under this section is pending may let off the offender complained against, in cases that he considers suitable, with a warning".

With regard to the first amendment the Government have absolutely no objection. But with regard to the second amendment that looks rather an impracticable one. The Government consider that the discretion vested in the Magistrate to let off an offender with a warning as contained in the first proviso is sufficient. On the other hand, just consider the second proviso:

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